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(57) Abstract

The present invention relates to a population of insulin producing cells made by a process comprising contacting non-insulin producing cells with a growth factor selected from the group consisting of GLP-1 or Exendin-4, growth factors having amino acid sequences substantially homologous to GLP-1 or Exendin-4, and fragmets thereof. The present invention also relates to methods of differentiating non-insulin producing cells into insulin producing cells and of enriching a population of cells for insulin-producing cells. The present invention also relates to methods of treating diabetes.

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A method of differentiating non-insulin producing cells into insulin producing cells by contacting the cells with a growth factor, cells produced by the method and uses of the method or the cells for treating subjects diagnosed with type 1 diabetes, where the growth factor is GLP-1, peptides substantially homologous to GLP-1 or fragments thereof.

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A method of differentiating non-insulin producing cells into insulin producing cells by contacting the cells with a growth factor, cells produced by the method and use of the method for treating subjects diagnosed with type 1 diabetes, where the growth factor is Exendin-4, peptides substantially homologous to Exendin-4 or fragments thereof.

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